

REPORT (PART II)

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I.—FOREIGN POLITICS.

465. Referring to the destruction by the Amir's officers, of some boundary pillars within the British border, the *Bengalee* hopes that this affair will be settled by correspondence and not by a costly expedition.

BENGALKE,
31st Jan. 1901.

466. The same journal announces that the Amirs of Bokhara and Khiva have constituted a sort of Imperial Service Contingent for Russia's assistance, in the event of her falling out with any Power in Asia,—obviously England or Afghanistan. But this is not so offensive as the agreement which Russia has entered into with Persia, by which she can pass her troops through Persian territory.

BENGALKE,
1st Feb. 1901.

467. The destruction of mines by the Boers—an act of retaliation for the destruction of their homesteads and the ill-treatment of their women and children by the English, has, says the same authority, converted the Home Government to a policy of conciliation, but with a view to exhaust England's patience and thus secure better terms, the Boers are determined not to make any compromise.

BENGALKE,
1st and 7th Feb.
1901.

468. The *Indian Mirror* considers that by entering Cape Colony DeWet has accomplished yet another feat, and enquires if our military talent in South Africa has run dry?

INDIAN MIRROR,
2nd Feb. 1901.

II.—HOME ADMINISTRATION.

(a)—Police.

469. The *Amrita Bazar Patrika* reports that a gang of 25 men, armed with deadly weapons, rushed into a house in village Kanjilalpara in Dum-Dum, and after brutally assaulting the inmates, decamped with cash, &c., to the value of Rs. 2,000.

AMRITA BAZAR
PATRIKA,
31st Jan. 1901.

N.B.—Reported as a Dacoity by the local police.

470. The *Behar Herald* reports a case in which Mr. Campbell, Inspector of Police, Dinapore, is being prosecuted for wrongful restraint, &c., and remarks that this officer is becoming somewhat unpopular.

BEHAR HERALD,
1st Feb. 1901.

471. The *Amrita Bazar Patrika* refers to the case in which Inspector Imdad Ali, of Dacca, sent up an innocent man for murder. The Sessions Judge and jury found that false evidence had been concocted to get him into trouble. On the face of the Judge's remarks, it asks if the Inspector will be permitted to hold such a responsible post.

AMRITA BAZAR
PATRIKA,
1st Feb. 1901.

(b)—Working of the Courts.

472. The *Amrita Bazar Patrika* states that Mr. Dentith, the Joint-Magistrate of Dacca, complaints against whose methods of summarily dismissing cases have recently appeared (paragraph 396), now gives most complainants a hearing, but it cannot help remarking that by his summary procedure Mr. Dentith was keeping down litigation.

AMRITA BAZAR
PATRIKA,
31st Jan. 1901.

473. The *Hindoo Patriot* quotes the Government orders on the subject of the discretion to be exercised in applying the 55 years' rule, and thinks that that discretion may well be used in the case of Nawab Bahadur Sayyid Amir Husain.

HINDOO PATRIOT,
31st Jan. 1901.

474. The *Amrita Bazar Patrika* questions the soundness of the judgment of the Sessions Judge of Aligarh who passed capital sentence on 17 persons for the murder of two, and wishes to know when alien Judges in this country will learn to administer justice, not according to their own notions, but those of the people?

AMRITA BAZAR
PATRIKA,
31st Jan. 1901.

475. The same paper is pleased to learn that the Lieutenant-Governor wired to the Magistrate of Monghyr ordering the immediate release of the man who was sentenced to imprisonment by Mr. Ainslie (paragraph 297) under section 267, Indian Penal Code.

AMRITA BAZAR
PATRIKA,
4th Feb. 1901.

(d)—Education.

HINDOO PATRIOT,
31st Jan. 1901.
BEHAR HERALD,
1st Feb. 1901.

476. The *Hindoo Patriot* and *Behar Herald* protest against the proposal of the Government to bring private institutions under the inspection of Inspectors of Schools (paragraph 408).

INDIAN MIRROR,
1st Feb. 1901.

477. The *Indian Mirror* is startled at the report of Dr. Ramaswamy Iyenger, the oculist, on the result of his examination of the eyesight of Indian students in Calcutta, and is curious to know if the vision of European and Eurasian students, examined by the specialist, is better than that of Indian students, and, if so, why?

INDIAN EMPIRE,
5th Feb. 1901.

478. The *Indian Empire* is of opinion that there should be a training school for examiners who should themselves be subjected to an examination before they are appointed.

BENGALIEE,
5th Feb. 1901.

479. The *Bengalee* compliments the Madras Senate on the courage it has displayed in rejecting Lee Warner's "Citizen of India" as a text-book for Entrance students.

(e)—Municipal Administration and Local Self-Government.

BENGALIEE,
31st Jan. 1901.

480. Commenting on the projected appointment of a Special Magistrate for the trial of Municipal cases (paragraph 414), the *Bengalee* appeals to the Lieutenant-Governor to pause and consider before giving his sanction to a proposal which is regarded with distrust and dismay. The people feel that trial before a tribunal constituted as the Municipal Court will more often embody municipal executive vigour than impartial justice.

POWER AND GUARDIAN,
3rd Feb. 1901.

481. *Power and Guardian* thinks that Lord Curzon's letter is sufficiently condemnatory of the conduct of the gentlemen who sought to dishonour the memory of Harish Chandra Mukerji by removing his name from the street (paragraph 415).

INDIAN NATION,
4th Feb. 1901.

482. The *Indian Nation* bewails the fate of Harish Chandra Mukerji, and the fact that that there should be among his countrymen "scurvy malignant fellows who could not bear to see his name associated with a street."

INDIAN NATION,
4th Feb. 1901.

483. The same paper, referring to the *Indian Mirror's* remark that "the locality named after Lord Ripon is a stinking hell," recounts Lord Ripon's good services to India, and reflects that it is a cheap commemoration indeed that the founder of Local Self-Government has obtained at the hands of a self-governed municipality that a "stinking" street has been named after him!

AMRITA BAZAR PATRIKA,
6th Feb. 1901.

484. The *Amrita Bazar Patrika* remarks that Mr. Rankin, having refused permission to its special correspondent to be present at a recent municipal meeting, cannot blame the public if they are led to form an unfavourable impression about him.

(g)—Railways and communications, including canals and irrigation.

BENGALIEE,
31st Jan. 1901.

485. The *Bengalee* again refers to the case of Mr. Soler (paragraph 331), and understands now that the Agent has unaccountably declined to attend to any communications the *ex-railway* employé may address him.

BENGALIEE,
31st Jan. 1901.

486. The same paper thinks that because Deoghur is a resort of Bengalees, the railway authorities take no pains to study the convenience of the sojourners who experience delays and discomforts of all kinds.

BEHAR HERALD,
1st Feb. 1901.

487. The *Behar Herald* asks for a composite carriage to be attached to the goods train which leaves Bankipore for up-country at 16-30.

(h)—General.

BENGALIEE,
31st Jan. 1901.

488. The *Bengalee* cites two instances to prove the evils of undue centralization:—
(1) Thousands of Bhils died of starvation before the sanction of Government to open relief works was received by the Collector of Khandesh.

(2) The Secretariat Offices in Madras never closed on account of the demise of Her Majesty, as the orders of the Government of India had not arrived from Calcutta.

489. The *Amrita Bazar Patrika* finds in the maintenance of an unnecessarily excessive garrison in India the connection between our military policy and famine in India.
The military policy responsible for famine.

AMRITA BAZAR
PATRIKA,
31st Jan. 1901.

490. The *Amrita Bazar Patrika's* Jessore correspondent complains that people of the district who are late in applying for renewal of their gun licenses are fined Rs. 10.
Renewal of gun licenses.

AMRITA BAZAR
PATRIKA,
1st Feb. 1901.

491. The Bankipore special correspondent to the same paper asks that Pirbahore, which is included, for administrative purposes, in the Patna subdivision, should be transferred to the Sadar subdivision, and the Maner thana should be made over to the subdivision of Dinapore.
Alterations in thana jurisdictions.

AMRITA BAZAR
PATRIKA,
1st Feb. 1901.

492. The *Bengalee* bemoans the lot of the Census officer whose work in the interior exposes him to the attacks of both man and beast.
Census officers.

BENGALIE,
5th Feb. 1901.

493. Referring to the concession made to Savings Bank clerks, the same paper is glad to find that Mr. Badshah, who knows how to make his men work hard, is also learning how to appreciate and reward hard work.
Concession to Savings Bank clerks.

BENGALIE,
5th Feb. 1901.

494. The same journal publishes the Government of Bengal's letter to the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd August 1900, on the subject of the employment of Europeans and Eurasians in Government offices and of the prevention of family parties in their own and subordinate offices, as also the Government's Circular No. 20 of the 29th November 1900, to Commissioners of Divisions on the same subject, and is unable to reconcile them with His Excellency the Viceroy's speech delivered to a deputation of Eurasians two months ago, nor with the Queen's Proclamation, and awaits some explanation in the matter.
Employment of European and Eurasian.

BENGALIE,
5th Feb. 1901.

495. The *Amrita Bazar Patrika* asks who is responsible for the order promulgated in Calcutta by beat of drum on Saturday last that all shops should be closed, and for the impression that prevailed that a fine of Rs. 50 or rigorous imprisonment for six months would be inflicted if the order was disobeyed, the result of which was that many people were subjected to considerable inconvenience.
Enforced closing of shops in Calcutta on the Queen's burial day.

AMRITA BAZAR
PATRIKA,
5th Feb. 1901.

496. The *Bengalee* publishes a similar complaint from Chittagong.
Ibid in Chittagong.

BENGALIE,
6th Feb. 1901.

497. A correspondent writes in the same paper that he and another man were detained in the Bankipore plague hospital for no rhyme or reason, and that they bolted from the place after being starved in *durance vile* for over 24 hours.
Alleged enforced detention at the Bankipore plague hospital.

BENGALIE,
6th Feb. 1901.

498. The same organ in a lengthy article ventilates the grievances of the Subordinate Judiciary in the matter of appointments and promotions, contrasting these with what falls to the lot of Deputy Magistrates, and promises to take up the question of their pension and house accommodation in another issue.
The Subordinate Judicial Service (paragraph 433).

BENGALIE,
6th Feb. 1901.

499. A correspondent in the *Amrita Bazar Patrika* agitates for a revival of the system introduced by Sir Stuart Bayley under which candidates whose names were registered for Sub-Deputy Collectorships were required to pass an examination for admission to that rank.
Appointment of Sub-Deputy Collectors.

AMRITA BAZAR
PATRIKA,
6th Feb. 1901.

III—LEGISLATIVE

500. A writer in the *Amrita Bazar Patrika* states that by the amendment of section 145, Criminal Procedure Code, the police and Magistracy have been vested with enormous powers, and can interfere in the question of possession of vast tracts of land.
Section 145, Criminal Procedure Code.

AMRITA BAZAR
PATRIKA,
21st Jan. 1901.

V.—PROSPECTS OF THE CROPS AND CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

AMRITA BAZAR
PATRIKA,
5th Feb. 1901.

501. The *Amrita Bazar Patrika's* Chittagong correspondent is afraid that, as many pilgrims from plague-infected areas are believed to purchase tickets at non-infected places, and enter the camp at Chittagong, plague will be introduced into the district.

VI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

BENGALKEE,
31st Jan. 1901.
5th Feb. 1901.

502. The *Bengalee* says that in the mufassal there is a strong feeling that local memorials should be raised first of all; and a memorial in the Capital should not be started, except from surplus funds.

In a later issue it advocates the erection of a Town Hall in addition to anything else the Memorial Committee might do.

HINDOO PATRIOT,
1st and 6th Feb. 1901.

503. The *Hindoo Patriot* in an appeal, thinks that we should now strive to take an interest in whatever may have interested Her Majesty, and by so doing prove that we are truly grieved at Her death.

Later issues of this paper staunchly support the suggestion contained in the Memorandum drawn up on the result of the Viceroy's Conference, that there should be a "Victoria Hall" erected in Calcutta, and condemns the idea of such a nondescript structure as a Town Hall.

INDIAN MIRROR,
1st and 6th Feb. 1901.

504. The *Indian Mirror* suggests that subscriptions be invited at once and later on a representative Committee might be formed to advise as to the form of the memorial.

In a later issue, this paper falls in with the proposal to have a "Victoria Hall," but would have preferred the initiative to have been taken by the Indian nation.

AMRITA BAZAR
PATRIKA,
4th Feb. 1901.

505. The *Amrita Bazar Patrika* would have all Indians help Lord Curzon's Conference scheme, as the object of His Lordship is obviously to bring the Englishman and Indian into closer touch.

INDIAN EMPIRE,
5th Feb. 1901.

506. The *Indian Empire* also approves Lord Curzon's scheme, and would like to see the proposed Imperial Library, and the contents of the Indian Museum located in "Victoria Hall."

INDIAN MIRROR,
31st Jan. 1901.

507. Referring to the proposal to depute two lady missionaries from Chicago to propagate Buddhism in Burma, the *Indian Mirror* expresses surprise that a city in which the slaughter of animals is so widely permitted should send missionaries to preach Buddhism to a Buddhist land!

INDIAN MIRROR,
31st Jan. 1901.

508. The location of Boer prisoners in Ceylon having lead to unpleasant consequences, the same organ asks if it is a wise policy of the Government to bring to India 10,000 rebels and enemies of England?

BENGALKEE,
31st Jan. 1901.

509. The *Bengalee* relates that in Hyderabad a murderer, about to be hanged, was reprieved by His Highness the Nizam, in consequence of the serious illness of Her Majesty.

INDIAN MIRROR,
1st Feb. 1901.

510. The *Indian Mirror* says that to Indians, the keeping up of the Kaiser's birthday and his receiving the Garter from the King, when the Queen's remains still lay unburied, appear out of harmony with the solemnity befitting such a sad occasion.

BENGALKEE,
1st Feb. 1901.

511. The *Bengalee* advocates the adoption of stringent measures for the protection of the community against men posing as M.D's. of American institutions.

BENGALKEE,
1st Feb. 1901.

512. Commenting on Sir Alfred Milner's speech that civilization, not race, or colour, was the test of men's capacity for political rights, the *Bengalee* finds that in India race and colour go much further than civilization.

AMRITA BAZAR
PATRIKA,
1st Feb. 1901.

513. The *Amrita Bazar Patrika* explains that it called Mr. Skrine (who writes to the *Reis and Rayyet* to defend the charge) "no friend of the Indians," because he held views against any reduction in the British garrison in India, when such real friends of India as Caine, Wedderburn, Digby and Roberts held the opposite view.

514. The *Indian Mirror* reflects on the moral cowardice of the Members of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce who declined to vote for or against a change in the constitution of the Committee.

INDIAN MIRROR,
2nd Feb. 1901.

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce (paragraph 455.)

515. The *Indian Mirror*, comparing Australia's refusal to admit British Indians, and the sensation created by the Indian Contingent who were present at the inauguration of the Commonwealth, remarks that the time may come when the "sons of the Empire" may come into their rightful heritage. The *Bengalee's* comment on the demonstration is that it was not sincere.

INDIAN MIRROR,
2nd Feb. 1901.
BENGALÉE,
7th Feb. 1901.

516. The *Bengalee and Indian Mirror* express great pleasure at the rumoured appointment of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught as Commander-in-Chief in India.

BENGALÉE,
INDIAN MIRROR,
5th Feb. 1901.

517. The *Amrita Bazar Patrika* in a lengthy leader discusses the subject of the loyalty of the Indians, the genuineness of their mourning on the Queen's death, the hollowness and insincerity of the mourning of the ruling class, the nobility of the Indian race, nay, their superiority in some respects to their rulers. The writer concludes by appealing to His Majesty to fulfil the promises made in the Proclamation of 1858.

AMRITA BAZAR
PATRIKA,
5th Feb. 1901.

518. The *Bengalee* says that the unique gathering on the maidan testified to the intensity of the national sorrow and the depth of the attachment which is felt in India for the British connection.

BENGALÉE,
HINDOO PATRIOT,
INDIAN MIRROR,
5th Feb. 1901.

The *Hindoo Patriot* has a similar article on this subject, while the *Indian Mirror* is inspired to write on the same theme by the hope expressed in the *Daily News* that "nothing would occur to disrupt a brotherhood cemented under such solemn conditions."

519. The *Bengalee* holds that Lord George Hamilton's action in regard to the dismissal of the Professors of Cooper's Hill College is a piece of highhandedness for which there is hardly any justification. The *Hindoo Patriot* thinks Lord George Hamilton acted wisely in dismissing them when their services were no longer required, and thus relieving Indian revenues from being needlessly saddled with an additional burden.

BENGALÉE,
6th Feb. 1901.
HINDOO PATRIOT,
7th Feb. 1901.

520. The *Indian Mirror* strongly suspects that the Bengal Chamber of Commerce was responsible for the action of the Sheriff in sending his official advertisement of the memorial meeting to Anglo-Indian papers only, while the *Amrita Bazar Patrika* regrets that the Sheriff's requisition had not been issued by the British Indian Association.

INDIAN MIRROR,
6th Feb. 1901.
HINDOO PATRIOT,
7th Feb. 1901.

Representing the views of this Association, the *Hindoo Patriot* expresses its strong disapproval of the action of the Chamber in this matter.

OFFICE OF THE INSPR.-GENERAL
OF POLICE, L. P.,

WRITERS' BUILDINGS,

The 9th February 1901.

J. A. STEVENS,

Asst. to the Insp.-General of Police, L. P.

